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Applicant: A. UMEMOTO et al. Conf.: 7879  
Appl. No.: 09/504,438 Group: 2654  
Filed: February 15, 2000 Examiner: D. KNEPPER  
For: INFORMATION SELECTION APPARATUS SELECTING  
DESIRED INFORMATION FROM PLURALITY OF AUDIO  
INFORMATION BY MAINLY USING AUDIO

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 3, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application; claims 1, 9-11, 16, 18-19, and 27-28 being independent. In light of the remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

**The Official Action**

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kobayashi et al.* ("Dynamic Soundscape: mapping time to space for audio browsing," CHI 97, pp. 194-201, March 22-27, 1997).